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1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM BG AHMANN, CHUSMTM DHAHRAN, THAT IT IS QUICKLY BECOMING IMPOSSIBLE TO TEMPORIZE FURTHER ON SAYING YES OR NO ON NEXT STEP OF EGYPTIAN F-5 TRAINING.

2. PER YOUR INSTRUCTIONS STATE 003251, WE HAVE TAKEN NO INITIATIVE WHILE WE WAITED FOR GOE INSTRUCTIONS TO WORK THEIR WAY THROUGH CHANNELS. IF SUCH INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE SOON FORTHCOMING RECOMMEND WE INFORM SULTAN THAT BECAUSE OF REASONS WHICH YOU OUTLINED TO HIM DURING YOUR VISIT IN DECEMBER, WE HAVE MADE DECISION THAT WE CANNOT ALLOW USAF INSTRUCTOR PILOTS TO PARTICIPATE IN TRAINING OF EGYPTIANS. THIS SHOULD PROMPT EGYPTIAN PILOTS TO TERMINATE THEIR PROGRAM, BECAUSE WE ARE TOLD THERE IS LITTLE THAT LESS EXPERIENCED SAUDI INSTRUCTOR PILOTS CAN TEACH SECRET

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TWO-SEATER VERSION WITH SAUDI INSTRUCTORS AND WANT TO MOVE ON TO SOLO MANEUVERS IN SINGLE-SEAT F-5E AGAINST USAG INSTRUCTORS.) THE EGYPTIAN MAINTENANCE TRAINING ON F-5'S MAY BE LESS SENSITIVE AND PERHAPS NEED NOT BE SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSED BY US HORAN

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